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## COUNTY CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY 24, 2005

The Board of Supervisors has proclaimed February as Black History Month in observance of the County's third annual celebration on Thursday, February 24, 2005. "Black America Speaks" is the theme of the program, which begins at 10:00 a.m. in Room 381-B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, in downtown Los Angeles.

Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair of the Board, is Honorary Chair of the celebration, co-sponsored by the Board and the African American Heritage Committee (AAHC). Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and Executive Officer Violet Varona-Lukens are the Co-Chairs. Furnell Chatman, anchor-reporter for KNBC-TV, is the master of ceremony. The Los Angeles Consular Corps are the special guests. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Reverend Cecil "Chip" Murray, retired Senior Pastor of First AME Church, will receive the AAHC Living Black History award. Reverend Murray is an outstanding leader who has served the greater Los Angeles community as a pastor and educator.

There will be musical performances by Sweet Harmony, the Civic Center Gospel Ensemble and the International Christian Center Choir. Pastor Oladipo Kalejaiye will give the African libation (blessing). The program will conclude with the rousing fashion finale. Vendor booths will be on display on the second floor of Hahn Hall of Administration from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Black History Month celebration. The County Office of Protocol in Room 375, will serve as the Green Room for County officials and program participants.

For more information, please contact Victoria Pipkin-Lane, program coordinator, at (213) 974-2495.

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